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FORM

OF

PRAYER,

TO BE USED

IN ALL CHURCHES and CHAPELS throughout England, Wales, and the Town of Berwick upon Tweed, on Wedneſday the Ninth of March, 1796, being the Day appointed by Proclamation for a general FAST and Humiliation before Almighty GOD, to be obſerved in the moſt Devout and Solemn Manner, by ſending up our Prayers and Supplications to the Divine Majeſty:

For obtaining Pardon of our Sins, and for averting thoſe heavy Judgments which our manifold Provocations have moſt juſtly deſerved; and imploring His Bleſſing and Aſſiſtance on the Arms of His Majeſty by Sea and Land; and for reſtoring and perpetuating Peace, Safety and Proſperity to Himſelf, and to His Kingdoms.

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The Order for Morning Prayer.

¶ *The Service ſhall be the ſame with the uſual Office for Holy-Days, except where it is in this Office otherwiſe appointed.*

¶ *Let him that miniſtereth read with a loud Voice theſe Sentences of Scripture; and after them the Exhortation,* Dearly beloved Brethren, &c.

TO the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveneſs, though we have rebelled againſt him: neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws, which he ſet before us.

In my trouble I will call upon the Lord, and complain unto my God. So ſhall he hear my voice out of his holy temple; my complaint ſhall come before him.

¶ *Inſtead of the* Venite, *this Hymn ſhall be uſed.*

UNTO Thee, O Lord, will I lift up my ſoul; my God, I have put my Truſt in thee: O let me not be confounded, neither let mine Enemies triumph over me.

Wherefore ſhould the Heathen ſay where is now their God?

The Lord is King, be the earth never ſo unquiet; the Lord is great in Sion, and high above all people.

I ſhall find trouble and heavineſs, and I will call upon the name of the Lord.

Unto thee lift I up mine Eyes, O thou that dwelleſt in the Heavens.

The waves of the ſea are mighty, and rage horribly; but the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.

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In the multitude of ſorrows that I had in my heart, thy comforts have refreſhed my ſoul.

The Lord is my refuge, and my God is the ſtrength of my confidence.

Thou, O Lord God, art full of compaſſion & mercy, long ſuffering, plenteous in goodneſs and truth.

Teach me the way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth. O knit my heart unto thee, that I may fear thy name.

Behold, O God our Defender, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

Bleſſed is the man whoſe ſtrength is in thee, in whoſe heart are thy ways.

Lo! thine enemies make a murmuring, and they that hate thee have lift up their heads.

Make their faces aſhamed, O Lord, that they may ſeek thy name.

The Lord ſhall give ſtrength unto his people, the Lord ſhall give his people the bleſſing of peace.

Help us, O God of our Salvation, for the glory of thy name; O deliver us and be merciful unto our ſins for thy name's ſake.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghoſt.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever ſhall be world without end. Amen.

¶ Proper Pſalms, *LI. and XC.*

¶ *Firſt Leſſon,* II Chronicles XX. *to the End of V.* 15.

After the firſt Leſſon, ſhall follow Te Deum laudamus, *in* Engliſh.

Second Leſſon, St. Matthew III. *to Verſe* 11.

¶ *Then* Benedictus, *the* Creed, *&c. to the End of the Lord's Prayer.*

¶ *Then*

¶ *Then the Prieſt ſtanding up, ſhall ſay,*

Prieſt. O Lord, ſhew thy mercy upon us!
Anſw. And grant us thy ſalvation.
Prieſt. O Lord ſave the King!
Anſw. Who putteth his truſt in Thee.
Prieſt. Send him help from thy holy place.
Anſw. And evermore mightily defend him.
Prieſt. Let his enemies have no advantage againſt him.
Anſw. Let not the wicked approach to hurt him.
Prieſt. O Lord, ſave thy people.
Anſw. And bleſs thine inheritance.
Prieſt. Give Peace in our time, O Lord.
Anſw. And make thy choſen people joyful.

¶ *This Collect to be uſed inſtead of the Firſt Collect for Morning Prayer.*

O LORD God of our Salvation, who ordereſt all things by Thy unſearchable wiſdom, bringing to nought by Thy power the Counſels of the Wicked, and working deliverance for Thy Servants; we proſtrate ourſelves before Thee, in earneſt Prayer and Supplication in behalf of ourſelves and other Chriſtian Nations, expoſed at this time to the Cruelty, or groaning under the Oppreſſion of Apoſtates from Thy Truth and Deſpiſers of Thy Holy Name, who have ſpread deſolation wherever they have erected their Standard.

We implore thy Bleſſing, O Lord, upon Thy faithful Servant our gracious Sovereign. Guard him, as hitherto Thou haſt done, againſt ſecret Conſpiracy and open Violence. It is of Thy unſpeakable mercy, that, by the late attrocious attempts of infatuated and ſanguinary Men upon his ſacred Perſon, our Land has not been filled with Mourning and Woe. Continue,

O Lord,

Lord, ſuch Thy watchful Care over him, and unite
ir hearts, as the heart of one man, in loyal attach-
ent to his Perſon, and in dutiful ſubmiſſion to his
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ingdoms, and crown them with Thy Bleſſing; and
rant unto him that Peace, which the world cannot
ive, the comfort of ſure truſt and confidence in Thee.

Thou haſt been our merciful God from generation
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ill ſtill be ineffectual without Thy Aid, from whom
lone cometh help in time of need. Our Counſels, our
Hands, and our Hearts, are under Thy ſovereign con-
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ightieſt force, and bring to nought the moſt ſubtle
eſigns of human Policy; and that the man of the
arth, who lifteth up his Banners againſt Thee, ſhall
ver be humbled under thy Almighty hand.

Hear us, O merciful God, for the ſake and through
he merits of our only Saviour, Jeſus Chriſt, Thy
on, our Lord. *Amen.*

Then ſhall follow the Second *and* Third *Collects at* Morning Prayer, *and the* Litany, *and then the following Prayer.*

O LORD, our Heavenly Father, we acknowledge, with penitent hearts, that we have been bleſſed, beyond other nations, in the knowledge and undiſturbed Profeſſion of Thy Truth, and in the long Poſ-

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feſs, that, like the Iſraelites of old, we have too often
turned our backs to Thee, aud ſought our Peace and
Security in our own Inventions. Reſtore us, O Lord,
to a dutiful ſenſe of thee in this time of our viſitation.
Grant us grace to put away all ungodlineſs and ſinful
Luſts, and ſo to hold faſt the Profeſſion of our Faith
in purity of heart and mind, that thy Judgments may
be withdrawn from us, and we may become diſtin-
guiſhed objects of thy mercy, through the merits of
Jeſus Chriſt, our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the People ſhall ſay this that followeth, after
the Miniſter.*

TURN thou us, O good Lord, and ſo ſhall we be
turned. Be favourable, O Lord, Be favourable
to thy people, Who turn to thee in weeping, faſting
and praying. For thou art a merciful God, full of
compaſſion, long-ſuffering, and of great pity. Thou
thinkeſt upon mercy. Spare thy people, good Lord,
ſpare them, and let not thine heritage be brought to
confuſion. Hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy is great,
and after the multitude of thy mercies look upon us,
through the merits and mediation of thy bleſſed Son
Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *In the time of War and Tumults.*

O Almighty God, King of all kings and governor
of all things, whoſe power no creature is able to
reſiſt, to whom it belongeth juſtly to puniſh Sinners
and to be merciful to them that truly repent; Save
and deliver us, we humbly beſeech thee, from the
hands of our enemies; abate their pride, aſſuage their
malice, and confound their devices; that we, being
armed with thy defence, may be preſerved evermore

from all perils, to glorify thee, who art the only giver of all victory, through the merits of thy only Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *A Prayer for the Safety of our Fleets.*

O Eternal Lord God, whoſe voice mighty in operation, the raging ſeas and the ſtormy winds obey; who haſt compaſſed the ocean with its bounds, ſaying, "Hitherto ſhalt thou come, but no further, and here ſhall thy proud waves be ſtayed;" O God, who, in thy mercy guideſt the Mariner in ſafety thro' the trackleſs deep; receive, we beſeech thee, into thy gracious and almighty protection, the fleets of thy ſervant our Sovereign, the veſſels of our merchants, and the perſons of all thoſe who ſerve in them. Preſerve them from the perils of the ſeas, from the efforts of the enemy, and from the danger of diſeaſe in diſtant climates; that they may return in ſafety, crowned if it be thy good pleaſure, with ſucceſs in their enterprizes, either of juſt and neceſſary war, or of lawful commerce, to enjoy the bleſſings of their native land; and with thankful remembrance of all thy mercies, to unite with us in rendering praiſe and glory to thy holy name, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *A Prayer for Plenty.*

O Almighty God, Creator of the univerſe, whoſe power and goodneſs are the ſupport and ſtay of all things, which thy hands have made; O God, who in the beginning didſt ſpread abroad the heavens and has laid the foundations of the earth, and ordereſt the ſeaſons; thou, by whom the fowls of the air, which neither ſow, nor reap, nor gather into barns, are fed; and without whom the young lions do lack and ſuffer hunger; giver of all good things, who refreſheſt the field with thy dew, and ſendeſt down thy rain upon the

furrows, cauſing the graſs to ſpring for the cattle, and the green herb and corn for the uſe of men; O great and merciful God, in whom we live, and move, and have our being, we thine unworthy ſervants, acknowledge, that for our manifold ſins and iniquities, we have merited the ſeverity of thy wrath. But there is mercy with thee, therefore ſhalt thou be feared. Be merciful, we beſeech thee, to our ſins; accept our penitence, and regard our ſupplications. And ſo bleſs the increaſe of our flocks and herds, and the fruits of our land, that, through thy goodneſs, the ſcarcity and dearth, which we ſuffer for our iniquity, may be mercifully turned into cheapneſs and plenty. And give us grace, not to ſquander in riot and luxury, but to uſe with ſobriety and temperance, to thy glory, to the relief of the poor and needy, and to our own comfort, the good things, which thou giveſt us freely to enjoy Hear us O merciful Father, and help us in this our time of need, for the ſake of Jeſus Chriſt thy Son our Lord, to whom with thee, and the holy Ghoſt, be all honour and glory, now and for evermore *Amen.*

WE humbly beſeech thee, moſt merciful God, that, by thy grace, thou wouldſt keep alive in us, who have this day preſumed to implore ſuch great bleſſings at thy hands, a conſtant ſenſe of thy preſence, and of our dependance upon thee. Suffer us not to return to our former ſinfulneſs and diſobedience, nor again to yield to thoſe evil paſſions and deſires which have brought down thy juſt judgments upon us: But ſave us, O God; ſave us, not only from worldly, but alſo from our ſpiritual enemies; and moſt eſpecially ſave us from ourſelves for the ſake of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord *Amen.*

¶ *Then read to the End of Morning Prayer as uſual.*

The Communion Service.

¶ *After the Prayer for the King* [Almighty God whoſe Kingdom is everlaſting] *ſhall be read the Collect of the Day, as in the* Morning Prayer, [O Lord God of our Salvation]. *and then ſhall follow*

The Epiſtle. 2 Peter, *chap.* II. *to ver.* 12.

BUT there were falſe Prophets alſo among the people, even as there ſhall be falſe teachers among you: who privily ſhall bring in damnable hereſies, even denying the Lord that brought them, and bring upon themſelves ſwift deſtruction. And many ſhall follow their pernicious ways; by reaſon of whom the way of truth ſhall be evil ſpoken of. And through covetouſneſs ſhall they with feigned words make merchandiſe of you: whoſe judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation ſlumbereth not. For if God ſpared not the angels that ſinned, but caſt them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkneſs, to be reſerved unto judgment, and ſpared not the old world, but ſaved Noah the eighth perſon, a preacher of righteouſneſs, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into aſhes, condemned them with an overthrow, making them an enſample unto thoſe that after ſhould live ungodly; and delivered juſt Lot, vexed with the filthy converſation of the wicked: (for that righteous man dwelling among them, in ſeeing and hearing vexed his righteous ſoul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) the Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reſerve the unjuſt unto the day of judgment to be puniſhed: but chiefly them that walk after the

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fleſh in the luſt of uncleanneſs, and deſpiſe government. Preſumptuous are they, ſelf-willed, they are not afraid to ſpeak evil of dignities. Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accuſation againſt them before the Lord.

The Goſpel. *St.* Luke *chap.* XIII. *ver.* 1 *to* 6.

THERE were preſent at that ſeaſon ſome that told him of the Galileans, whoſe blood Pilate had mingled with their ſacrifices. And Jeſus anſwering, ſaid unto them, Suppoſe ye that theſe Galileans were ſinners above all the Galileans, becauſe they ſuffered theſe things? I tell you, Nay: but except ye repent, ye ſhall all likewiſe periſh. Or thoſe eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and ſlew them, think ye that they were ſinners above all men that dwelt in Jeruſalem? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye ſhall all likewiſe periſh.

¶ *Then ſhall follow the* Nicene Creed: *and after that the Sermon.*

After the Prayer [for the whole ſtate of Chriſt's Church] *the following ſhall be uſed.*

A Prayer for our Enemies, and for Support under Perſecution.

ALmighty God, who haſt diſpoſed the heart of our Sovereign to unite us in prayer and ſupplication this day for the Pardon of our Sins, and for deliverance from the Evils of War; ſuffer us, we beſeech Thee, in the Spirit of Chriſtian Charity, to offer our humble Interceſſion for the Repentance and Converſion of Men, who have caſt off their Faith in Thee the Living God, and following the vain imaginations of reprobate Minds, have plunged themſelves into crimes and impieties which aſtoniſh the Chriſtian World.

World. Open their Eyes, O Lord, that they may ſee and conſider, with deteſtation and horror, the ravages of their cruelty. Strike them, in Thy Mercy, with Remorſe and Compunction, before they fill up the meaſure of their Iniquities: And grant, O God, unto us, thy Servants, Grace, whilſt we behold with compaſſion the miſeries they have inflicted upon the objects of their fury, to recollect the many calamities for which by thy merciful Providence we are exempted. What are we, O Lord, that thou ſhouldſt ſo regard us! O let thy mercy enter into our hearts, and make us truly thankful for thy goodneſs, fearful of thy diſpleaſure, and ſenſible of thy preſence; that, with hands and hearts lifted up unto Thee, we may ſo paſs through the uncertainties of things temporal, that we finally loſe not the things eternal.—And to all thoſe who may be ordained to ſuffer for thy ſake, impart, O merciful Lord, ſuch plentiful ſuccours of thy Holy Spirit; pour into their ſouls ſuch contempt of pain and death; kindle in their hearts ſuch love of thee, and zeal for thy truth; fill them with ſuch animating hope of immortality, that, after the example of the bleſſed Saints and Martyrs of the primitive ages, they may ſo ſteadily confeſs Thee before men, that, having glorified thy name by their ſufferings upon earth, they may obtain of Thee an everlaſting crown of glory. And grant to us all ſuch a denial of ungodlineſs and worldly affections, that we may be able to look forward with hope to the conſummation of all things, and to the glorious appearance of the great God and our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt; to whom with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghoſt, be honour and glory world without end. Amen.

Almighty God, who has promiſed to hear, &c.

The peace of God, which paſſeth, &c.

The Order for Evening Prayer.

¶ *Let him that miniſtereth read with a loud Voice theſe Sentences of Scripture; and after them the Exhortation,* Dearly beloved Brethren, &c.

TO the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveneſs, though we have rebelled againſt him: neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws, which he ſet before us.

In my trouble I will call upon the Lord, and complain unto my God. So ſhall he hear my voice out of his holy temple; my complaint ſhall come before him.

¶ *The Hymn appointed to be uſed at Morning Prayer inſtead of the* Venite, &c. *ſhall here alſo be uſed before the proper Pſalms.*

¶ Proper Pſalms, *LXXXVI. and CXXX.*

¶ *Firſt Leſſon, Jonah III.*

My ſoul doth magnify the Lord, &c. St. Luke I. 46.

Second Leſſon, St. James IV. *to Verſe* 11.

God be merciful unto us, &c. *Pſalm.* LXVII.

¶ *Then the Creed, &c. to the End of the Lord's Prayer.*

¶ *Then the Prieſt, ſtanding up, ſhall ſay,*

Prieſt. O Lord ſhew thy mercy upon us!

Anſw. And grant us thy ſalvation.

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Anſw. And make thy choſen people joyful.

¶ *This Collect to be uſed inſtead of the firſt Collect for Evening Prayer.*

O LORD God of our Salvation, who ordereſt all things by Thy unſearchable Wiſdom, bringing to nought by Thy power the Counſels of the Wicked, and working deliverance for Thy Servants; we proſtrate ourſelves before Thee, in earneſt Prayer and Supplication in behalf of ourſelves and other Chriſtian Nations, expoſed at this time to the Cruelty, or groaning under the Oppreſſion of Apoſtates from Thy Truth and Deſpiſers of Thy Holy Name, who have ſpread deſolation wherever they have erected their Standard.

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Hear us, O merciful God, for the ſake and through the merits of our only Saviour, Jeſus Chriſt, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The Second Collect at Evening Prayer.*

O GOD, from whom all holy deſires, all good counſels, and all juſt works do proceed; give unto thy ſervants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be ſet to obey thy commandments, and alſo that by Thee we being defended from the fear of our Enemies, may paſs our time in reſt and quietneſs, through the merits of Jeſus Chriſt our Saviour. *Amen.*

¶ *The Third Collect, for Aid againſt all Perils.*

LIghten our darkneſs, we beſeech Thee, O Lord, and by thy great mercy, defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of thy only Son our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

O LORD,

O LORD, our heavenly Father, we acknowledge, with penitent hearts, that we have been bleſſed, beyond other nations, in the knowledge and undiſturbed profeſſion of thy truth, and in the long poſſeſſion of abundant temporal proſperity: And we confeſs, that, like the Iſraelites of old, we have too often turned our backs on Thee, and ſought our Peace and ſecurity in our own Inventions. Reſtore us, O Lord, to a dutiful ſenſe of thee in this time of our viſitation. Grant us grace to put away all ungodlineſs and ſinful luſts, and ſo to hold faſt the profeſſion of our faith in purity of heart and mind, that thy judgements may be withdrawn from us, and we may become diſtinguiſhed objects of thy mercy, through the merits of Jeſus Chriſt, our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the People ſhall ſay, after the Miniſter:*

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¶ *Read the uſual Prayers, to the End of the Prayer* in Time of War and Tumults; *and then the following.*

¶ *A Prayer for the Safety of our Fleets.*

O Eternal Lord God, whoſe voice, mighty in operation, the raging ſeas and the ſtormy winds obey; who haſt compaſſed the ocean with its bounds, ſaying, "Hitherto

" Hitherto ſhalt thou come, but no further, and here ſhall thy proud waves be ſtayed." O God, who, in thy mercy, guideſt the Mariner in ſafety thro' the trackleſs deep; receive, we beſeech thee, into thy gracious and Almighty protection, the fleets of thy ſervant our Sovereign, the veſſels of our merchants, and the perſons of all thoſe who ſerve in them. Preſerve them from the Perils of the ſeas, from the efforts of the enemy, and from the danger of diſeaſe in diſtant climates; that they may return in ſafety, and crowned, if it be thy good pleaſure, with ſucceſs in their enterprizes, either of juſt and neceſſary war, or of lawful commerce, to enjoy the bleſſings of their native land; and, with thankful remembrance of all thy mercies, to unite with us in rendering praiſe and glory to thy holy name, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Read the Prayer for Plenty,* [O Almighty God, Creator of the Univerſe, &c.] *and the following,* [We humbly beſeech Thee, moſt merciful God, &c.] *as in the Morning Service.*

¶ *Then read to the End of the General Thankſgiving; after which, a Prayer for our Enemies, and for Support under Perſecution,* [Almighty God, who haſt diſpoſed the heart, &c.] *as in the Communion Service.*

Almighty God, who has given us grace, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, &c.

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